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ANTI-SKID TIRE CHAIN)
DEVICE)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' continuing duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.97 (b)(3), the following patents are brought to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and specifically to the attention of the Examiner assigned to the subject patent application. The submitted documents are listed on the attached PTO Form and a copy of each reference is included for the Examiner's convenience.

U.S. PATENT REFERENCES

Patent No.	Date	Inventor
2,283,948	05/26/42	Ridgway
3,068,949	12/18/62	Sirois
3,658,158	04/25/72	Saupp
4,355,451	10/26/82	Thomas
4,800,939	1/31/89	Törneback
4,901,809	02/20/90	Tschannen

Patent No.	Date	Inventor
5,010,982	04/30/91	Sedlmayr
5,076,379	12/31/91	Bahr, deceased et al.
5,785,351	07/28/98	Chang et al.
6,561,489	05/13/03	Wakefield

FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCES

Patent No.	Date	Inventor
DE 3842 502 A1	05/03/89	Germany

CONCISE EXPLANATION OF NON-ENGLISH REFERENCES

A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language prior art patents under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), as presently understood by the individual designated in §1.56(c) as most knowledgeable about the content of the information is set forth below.

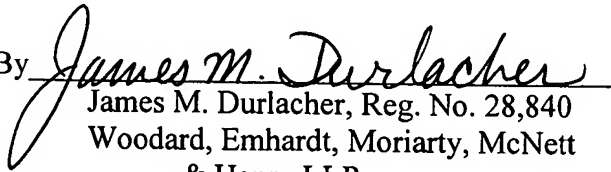
Patent No. DE 3842 502 A1

This German reference discloses an automatic anti-skid chain which is provided with internal gripping webs and corner edges and is located in symmetric zigzag recesses which are calculated to match the size of the tire and the elevated profile of the vehicle tire and lie all around the tread. The chain is held attached at many points to the inner rim by chain tensioning connecting elements at the zigzag ends by lever transmission with triangular chain tensioning structures located in a pivotable fashion in the tire shoulder profile by lever transmission. The chain is also taughly tensioned on the

outside of the rim but by means of tensioning rollers with controllable lengths of chain and tensioning cable, and is secured at three securing levels by means of electric transmission motor and spring force by the chain tensioning ring which is rotatably mounted in the rim space.

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		3,068,949	12/18/62	Sirois	180	1	
		3,658,158	04/25/72	Saupp	188	4 B	
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